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FM AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2124

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SUBJECT:REFURBISHING OF EMBASSY STOCKHOLM

1. I HAVE NOW HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE THE EMBASSY IN STOCKHOLM. IT NEEDS REFURBISHING. WHILE RESOURCES HAVE BEEN DEVOTED TO REFINISHING SOME OF THE GOOD WOODEN FURNITURE ITEMS IN THE HOUSE, LITTLE HAS BEEN DONE DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS ON UPHOLSTERED FURNISHINGS OR DECOR. MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT LITTLE WAS DONE DURING THE PREVIOUS THREE YEARS EITHER; BASED ON MY OWN INSPECTION AND THE EXAMINATION OF HISTORICAL PHOTOGRAPHS, SOME OF THE FURNISHINGS APPEAR TO DATE FROM OUR ACQUISITION OF THE PROPERTY THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO. MUCH OF THE DECOR IS NOT APPROPRIATE TO AN AMERICANEMBASSY IN THIS DECADE.

2. WITH THE AID OF A COMPETENT DECORATOR, WE WILL PROVIDE SHORTLY PLANS AND COST ESTIMATES FOR A REFURBISHING WHICH WILL EMPHASIZE THE REPRESENTATION AND GUEST AREAS OF THE HBUSE. I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF THE DEPARTMENT WOULD BEAR THESE PLANS IN MIND WHEN ALLOCATING END-OF-YEAR OR FY'75 FBO FUNDS.
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